

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06
2015 E Shields, Ste 100
Fresno CA 93726

Project Title: Fre-99 & 41 Recycled Water

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

On State Route (SR) 99/41 in Fresno, CA, Between 0.2 mile south of Church Ave on SR 99 to 0.2 mile north of Tuolumne St, and on SR 41 from 0.1 mile south of Jensen Ave to the SR 41/180 Junction.

Project Location - City: Fresno Project Location - County: FRE

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project converts approximately 8.3 miles of SR 99, 41, and 180 freeway landscaping from potable water to the City of Fresno's recycled water. This project will include the installation of a recycled water mainline which will supply the existing irrigation systems within the project limits. The purpose of this project is to reduce the usage of potable water for irrigation, and to improve the existing irrigation system. These improvements are needed to meet Caltrans' February 6, 2014 goal of reducing potable water use by 50% in response to drought conditions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300
Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:

This project has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and is considered "exempt" from CEQA under Class 1 of 14 CCR 15300, Existing Facilities, for maintenance repair on existing facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Richard Putler Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 304-6599

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? [X] YES [] NO

Signature: Richard Putler Date: 7-21-2021 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR